

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 – 37 are pending in this application. New claims 38 – 55 have been added.  
Claims 1 – 55 remain for consideration.

*Drawings*

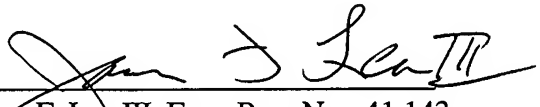
Originally filed Figure 29 showed an incorrect orientation for facet fusion screw 420, which would be obvious to anyone skilled in the art. The correct orientation of facet fusion screw is shown in new Figure 29, submitted herewith. Support for the drawing correction may be found in at least paragraph [0085] of the specification.

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No additional fee is believed to be due. However, if any fee is made payable by the filing of this paper, please consider this our authorization to charge the Deposit Account of the undersigned, No. 06-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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